



Feb 24, 2012

Federal Communications Commission
Chairman Julius Genachowski

Attn: 11-109

Re: LightSquared Proposal

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

The South Dakota Corn Growers Association supports the decision by the Federal Communications Commission to halt LightSquared's planned mobile broadband network. National Telecommunications and Information Administration testing has shown that the network would indeed interfere with global positioning systems used by a majority of our farmers today.

Farmers and agricultural businesses have invested millions of dollars into GPS systems to both maximize efficiencies and reduce their impact on the environment. GPS has played a major role in our producer's ability to grow more food, on less land while using with fewer inputs. Farmers utilizing GPS technology are using less fossil fuel, seed, nutrients and chemicals which have positively affected their overall bottom line greatly. The use of GPS will continue to play a vital role in improving agriculture as the demand for food becomes greater each day.

Our organization understands the need for expanded broadband throughout rural America, but believes the important and necessary role GPS plays in agriculture far outweigh the need for the proposed mobile network. We believe the FCC should follow through with the recommendation of indefinitely suspending LightSquared's ATC authority.

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